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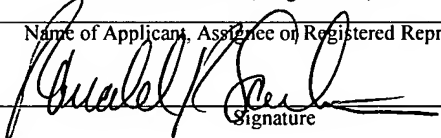
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Michael S. McLaughlin  
Serial No. : 10/688,662  
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SPRAY  
NOZZLE IMPROVEMENT THROUGH THE USE  
OF SURFACE AND SUB-SURFACE COATINGS  
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Examiner : Steven J. Ganey  
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**RESPONSE**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the communication issued by the Examiner on December 28, 2004,  
in the above-identified application, Applicant's attorneys respond as follows: